

help American families by finding alternatives to \$4 gasoline, then it is time for Congress to ensure that we invest in renewable technologies such as solar, wind and biofuels that can help American consumers, our economy and our planet.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR SAUL  
FRIEDLANDER

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate UCLA history professor Saul Friedlander, who was recently awarded the Pulitzer Prize in General Non-Fiction for his work, *The Years of Extermination: Nazi Germany and the Jews, 1939–1945*.

Professor Friedlander was born to German-speaking Jewish parents in Prague in 1932 and raised in France during the Nazi occupation. Not until 1946 did he discover that his parents perished at Auschwitz. After immigrating to Israel at the time of its birth as a nation, he was able to pursue his passion for knowledge. After studying in Israel and Paris, he received his Ph.D. from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva.

In 1983, Saul Friedlander served as a visiting professor at my alma mater, the University of California, Los Angeles. Four years later he was invited to join the faculty full time, receiving the 1939 Club Chair in Holocaust Studies. He later founded the influential journal, *History and Memory* and has established himself as one of the world's premier Holocaust historians.

Professor Friedlander has authored multiple titles on the Holocaust, including *Nazi Germany and the Jews, The Years of Persecution: 1933–1939*, which is considered to be the definitive work on the period. It led to a MacArthur Foundation Award, which he used to research and write his Pulitzer-winning volume. That work vividly depicts Jewish life throughout all of Europe and provides a modern understanding of the enactment of anti-Semitic policies in the World War II era.

Professor Friedlander's work is not limited to the academic, however; he has also served on commissions working to shed light on the Holocaust-era activities of corporations and governments.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the ongoing work of Saul Friedlander and his dedication to educating students and the global community, researching the Holocaust, and putting the indescribable into words.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN JOHN  
SHIMKUS ON THE OCCASION OF  
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE  
ARMY RESERVE

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a distinguished and dedicated military officer who has served this Nation with

great honor and distinction. Congressman JOHN SHIMKUS will retire as a lieutenant colonel from the United States Army Reserve on June 1, 2008, after nearly three decades of exemplary service in the United States Army and the United States Army Reserve. His career is a great example of the ideals that we expect and cherish from our Warrior-Citizens. Thanks to his service to our Nation, we all live a little freer and we are all more secure in our rights and duties as citizens of the greatest nation in the world. Today, I'm proud to take a few minutes to read a resolution I introduced to this Congress today to honor the outstanding career of Lieutenant Colonel JOHN SHIMKUS.

A RESOLUTION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HONORING THE SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN M. SHIMKUS, UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel John M. Shimkus, United States Army Reserve, was born on February 21, 1958, in East St. Louis, Illinois;

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in general engineering;

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus graduated from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois, in 1997, with a master of business administration;

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Mortar Platoon Officers Course, Jungle Warfare School, Airborne School, Ranger School, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, and the Master Fitness Trainer Course;

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus is a graduate of the Reserve Component Combined Armed Services Staff School;

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus attended the Reserve Component Command and General Staff College;

Whereas following Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus's entry into the Army, he served at the tip of the spear of the cold war as an infantry officer with the 1st Platoon, 54th Infantry in Bamberg, Germany, where he was our Nation's sentry, ready to fight at a moment's notice against Soviet tanks rolling toward the Fulda Gap;

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus continued his commitment to selfless duty when after serving more than five years on active duty in the Army, he transitioned to the Army Reserve;

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus served in many leadership positions in the Army Reserve, which included 7 years as a United States Military Academy Liaison Officer, where he helped our Nation select the best candidates to become future leaders of the Army;

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus was elected to public office for the first time in 1989 as a township trustee in Collinsville, Illinois;

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus was elected to serve his first term as a Representative from the 20th District of Illinois in 1996 in the 105th Congress, and has continued to dutifully dedicate his service as a statesman in the 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, and, presently, the 110th Congresses;

Whereas over a multifaceted career of distinguished public service dedicated to the preservation of the principles upon which our Nation was founded, from his plebe days at West Point to the halls of Congress, in his every step Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus has embodied the epitome of excellence in

statesmanship, service to country, and to his fellow citizens;

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus's commitment to public service commands the Nation's highest respect and gratitude;

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus embodies all seven Army core values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus has had a tremendous positive impact on the Army Reserve: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the House of Representatives

(1) honors Lieutenant Colonel John M. Shimkus for his service of over 28 years on the occasion of his retirement from the Army Reserve on June 1, 2008;

(2) commends Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus for his dedication and commitment to excellence as an infantry officer and leader;

(3) recognizes the tremendous dedication and fortitude with which Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus has led an exemplary career in public service, three times the citizen, having balanced his time in the Army Reserve with the demanding duties of his roles as husband, father, businessman, community leader, high school teacher, citizen-soldier, and Congressman with consummate professionalism and boundless devotion to each;

(4) recognizes Lieutenant Colonel Shimkus as a soldier, leader, and statesman, for displaying the highest levels of leadership, professional competence, integrity, and moral courage throughout his distinguished military service.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor for me to present the distinguished credentials of Lieutenant Colonel JOHN SHIMKUS before the Congress today. It is our good fortune that Congressman JOHN SHIMKUS continues to serve our Nation in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING PAULINA TUL-ORTYL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paulina Tul-Ortyl of Toledo, Ohio on the 40th anniversary of the commencement of the Echoes of Poland

It is with the deepest appreciation that I pay tribute to Paulina Tul-Ortyl upon reaching the 40th anniversary as the founder, director and choreographer of the Toledo-based "Echoes of Poland" song and dance ensemble. Her enthusiasm, energy and dedication to the performance of Polish folk dances and songs have given appreciative audiences, through the United States, Canada, and Poland, the satisfaction of seeing and hearing the essence of absolute beauty.

Paulina was born and educated in Poland and has a degree in dance choreography from the prestigious Catholic University of Lublin. She has blessed the Toledo community with her talents, her pride of our Polish-American culture and her generous nature, providing numerous years to the development and awareness of the artistic and cultural gifts in our Toledo youth.

The Echoes of Poland was founded in the fall of 1967, when Paulina was asked to prepare a group of young people to perform some of the traditional aspects of the Polish Christmas celebration. She gathered some of her friends from the Nebraska Avenue and La-grange Street areas in Toledo, OH, for the